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February 29, 1980

Mr. William L. Tifft
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Re: I80-025 (R80-023)

Dear Mr. Tifft:

Pursuant to A.R.S. § 15-122(B), we decline to review your January 25, 1980 opinion to the Superintendent of the Payson Unified School District concerning school transportation. We believe A.R.S. § 15-436(B), shielding the board from personal liability when relying upon the Attorney General's written opinion, applies equally to board action taken in reliance upon a County Attorney's opinion which we have declined to review pursuant to A.R.S. § 15-122(B).

Sincerely,

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January 25, 1980

Mr. Travis H. Gilliland
District Superintendent
Payson Unified School District No. 10
P. O. Box 919
Payson, Arizona 85541

Re: Opinion Request Dated January 10, 1980

Dear Mr. Gilliland:

In your letter dated the 10th day of January, 1980, you asked our opinion reference your obligations under A.R.S. 15-422(A)(6), which provides that:

"A. The Board of Trustees shall: ..

6. Provide transportation for any child or children when deemed for the best interest of the district, whether within or without the district, county or state."

In particular, the question appears to be whether or not you must supply transportation to or for students living in an area within the school district which is inaccessible to a school bus.

Please be advised that it is our opinion, as supported by numerous opinions of the Attorney General, that the language of Section 15-442(A)(6) leaves the determination of such matters to the discretion of the Board of Education. In other words, there is no obligation on the part of the District to supply transportation for any child or children within the District.

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Pursuant to A.R.S. 15-122(B) I am forwarding a copy of this opinion to the Attorney General's Office for his review, concurrence, or revision.

If you have any further questions, please contact me.

Sincerely,

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By William L. Tifft

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